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Welcome back to school!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for our new academic year. We hope that you have been able to spend time with your family and friends during the holidays and are enthusiastic about our return to school.

The David Livingstone staff are excited to be back and the teachers cannot wait to teach their new classes full time. We are confident that pupils will settle back into their learning quickly and enjoy being with their friends and familiar adults once again. Our main priority over the last few months has been the wellbeing and health of our children and their families so we are grateful to see everyone in person as the year gets under way.

I am sure that there are still some anxious feelings around this year's return to school and we understand any apprehension that you may have. In order to keep our school community of children, families and staff healthy, we all share the responsibilities of maintaining social distancing and good hygiene, as per the government guidelines. As a school, we have put a number of measures in place to minimise the risk of infection as much as we can. I ask that you adhere to all of our measures so that the school day can run as smoothly as possible. Staff are always on hand to offer guidance, however, we would prefer that any questions or requests for information are directed towards the senior staff on the playground or the school office by telephone.

We recommend reading guidance from the government about returning to school this September. This may answer some of your initial questions or concerns and can be found at gov.uk/backtoschool. We will, of course, also share our specific school information with you again shortly.

As the term goes on, there will be further information sent out about events and activities in school. It is unfortunate that there is a temporary halt on assemblies, school trips and swimming lessons but we hope that these will be reinstated as soon as possible. The staff will support all our pupils in getting back into a routine and some children may find this more challenging than others after an extended period of learning at home. I am sure that it will take a week or two for us all to get back into the daily timetable of a school day but we will support each other as we do. If you have any concerns about your child's return to school after the first two weeks of term, please make an appointment to see their class teacher, if necessary.

With all my best wishes for the school year ahead,

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Miss Mitchell

